GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4434
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INSTITUTIONAL/NON-INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES FOR ORPHANS/ORPHANAGES
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Institutional and non-institutional services for the care and development of children in need including orphans and orphanages in the various States/UTs particularly in Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) the details of financial assistance provided for their development, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the manner in which these are effectively functioning in the different States/UTs particularly in Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a), (b) and (c) A statement is attached.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.4434 for 26.8.2004 regarding institutional and non-institutional services for orphans/orphanages.

(a): Details of the schemes and initiatives undertaken by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for welfare of children in need of care and protection are as under:

1) Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA): The Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, deals with matters relating to adoption of destitute and orphan children in the country. It regulates and monitors various organisations working in the field of inter-country adoptions. Besides, it is also involved in promotion of adoptions within the country.

2) Scheme of Assistance to Homes (Shishu Greh) for Infants for Promoting In-country Adoption: The scheme aims at promoting adoption within the country, by providing support for institutional care and protection of infants and children up to 6 years of age who are abandoned or orphaned or are destitute and their rehabilitation through in-country adoption. Financial assistance is provided to Government and non-governmental organizations for running Homes under the Scheme.

3) A Programme for Juvenile Justice: Under the scheme, the Ministry provides financial assistance to State Governments and UT Administrations to meet 50% of the cost of establishment and maintenance of various institutions and homes for juveniles in conflict with law and children in need of care and protection.

The Andaman & Nicobar Administration is running a Children Home for children in need of care and protection, out of their own resources.

4) An Integrated Programme for Street Children: The scheme aims at providing full and wholesome development of street children. Financial assistance is provided to the NGOs who are implementing programmes for the welfare of the street children, such as formal and non-formal education, 24 hours drop-in shelter with facilities for night stay, drinking water, bathing, first aid and recreation, vocational training, nutrition and health care. The Ministry is also providing assistance to Child line Service under the Scheme. The child line is a 24-hour free phone service, which can be accessed by a child in distress or an adult on his behalf by dialing the number 1098 on telephone.

5) General Grant in Aid Programme for financial assistance in the field of Social Defence: General Grant in Aid Programme for financial assistance in the field of Social Defence provides for undertaking programmes, which are not covered under the regular schemes of the Ministry. Under this scheme, initiatives have been taken to support projects for rehabilitation of children of sex workers, children affected by communal riots in Gujarat, and orphans affected by militancy in Jammu & Kashmir.

In Andaman and Nicobar Islands, one rehabilitation center for orphan girls run by an organization named Pranab Kanya Sangha, Port Blair, is being funded under the General Grant in Aid Programme for financial assistance in the field of Social Defence. During 2003-04, grant-in-aid amounting to Rs. 2.15 lakh was released to the organization for benefiting 42 girls.

(b): A statement showing grant-in-aid released during 2003-04 under the above mentioned Schemes is given at Annexure.

(c): In order to ensure effective implementation of the Schemes, the Ministry seeks from the implementing agencies periodical reports

on the functioning of the projects, audited accounts and utilization certificate in respect of the grant-in-aid released during the previous year. Second instalment of the grant is released only on receipt of inspection report from the State Government or designated inspecting agency, indicating satisfactory functioning of the project. Besides, the Ministry has undertaken initiatives for imparting training and orientation to personnel and professionals involved in implementation of the Schemes. Various promotional and awareness efforts have also been taken up in order to expand the outreach of the Schemes and cover larger number of beneficiaries.

Annexure

Statement showing the details of Statewise financial assistance provided by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment during the year 2003-04 for the children in need of care and protection.

(Rupees in lakhs)

Sl.No.	State/UT	A Programme for Juvenile Justice	An Integrated Programme for Street Children	General Grant in aid	Shishu Greh Scheme Programme of Assistance in the field of Social Defence
1.	Andhra Pradesh	-	124.56	0.80	38.63
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	23.40	4.97
3.	Assam	-	11.65	-	-
4.	Bihar	43.30	5.01	-	-
5.	Chhatisgarh	54.18	-	-	-
6.	Goa	5.89	1.52	-	-
7	Gujarat	65.91	120.58	-	19.69
8.	Haryana	24.79	-	-	3.66
9.	Himachal Pradesh	-	-	-	4.00
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	-	2.23	100.00	-
11.	Jharkhand	-	3.47	-	-
12	Karnataka	79.41	37.52	5.57	-
13.	Kerala	24.27	27.50	2.84	22.35
14.	Madhya Pradesh	106.86	8.57	-	4.90
15.	Maharashtra	742.75	79.28	12.36	56.34
16.	Manipur	-	4.75	-	21.88
17.	Meghalaya	9.13	2.18	-	-
18.	Mizoram	32.37	-	21.38	4.96
19.	Nagaland	4.56	-	2.99	-
20.	Orissa	5.43	18.79	2.84	17.07
21.	Punjab	30.56	14.28	-	-
22.	Rajasthan	16.18	30.77	-	7.04
23.	Sikkim	2.33	-	-	-
24.	Tamil Nadu	106.85	92.65	2.84	-
25.	Tripura	0.04	3.95	-	12.37
26.	Uttar Pradesh	127.35	89.09	22.12	-
27.	Uttranchal	-	-	-	-
28.	West Bengal	80.84	223.93	38.71	7.10
29.	A & Nicobar Islands	-	-	2.15	-
30.	Chandigarh	6.00	19.84	-	-
31.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	-	-	-	-
32.	Daman & Diu	-	-	-	-
33.	Delhi	70.00	67.88	12.00	3.91
34.	Lakshadweep	-	-	-	-
35.	Pondicherry	-	-	-	-
	Total	1639.00	990.00	250.00	228.87